IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (209.003-D1-US) In re Application of: STONICK ET AL. Serial No: DIVISIONAL APPLICATION OF 10/222,071 Filing Date: SEPTEMBER 11, 2003 Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EMBEDDING A SUB-CHANNEL IN A BLOCK CODED DATA STREAM

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria. VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-referenced application, kindly amend the application as follows: